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KUDOS IN ORDER

Br. Ray Wozniak of Elias Moon 2 (Dept of GA & SC) recently assisted America's Most Wanted on the story of a Georgia man of Korean descent who was murdered in Japan. The story appeared on 6 November and can be viewed at http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=75251. Br. Wozniak was the man's teacher years ago and spoke at his funeral.

PCinC David R. Medert (left) accepts a plaque from OH Gov. Ted Strickland during the annual Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Medert is a WW II U.S. Army veteran who served with the 82nd Airborne. His name is now listed on a bronze plaque placed in the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame located in the Vern Rife Office Building in Columbus. He joins notable Ohio veterans Coach Woody Hayes, John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, Dave Thomas, Paul Newman, Gen. George A. Custer, Gen. Philip Sheridan, Gen. William T. Sherman and Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and PCinC Robert E. Grim.

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 4

Appointment of Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve

1. The National Military Affairs Committee has recommended that BG Robert E. Grim, Commander of the SVR, be reappointed as Commanding Officer of the SVR for a term of three years.

2. I concur with their recommendation and hereby appoint Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the SVR, at the rank of Brigadier General, commencing 16 November 2010 and ending on 15 November 2013 or until properly relieved.

Ordered this 15th Day of October, 2010

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5

November 11th is Veterans Day. This day is set aside to remember the men and women that serve in our Armed Forces. Their vigil protects us from our enemies. They stand guard so we can remain free.

To the many Brothers and Sisters in our Order that have served in the military, we as a grateful nation say thank you.

To the Boys in Blue, we honor you.

Please take a moment to remember our militaries' recent losses in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their sacrifice enables us to be free.

I ask each Brother in the Order to participate in his own way on this special holiday.

I call on all Brothers to display the flag on November 11, 2010.

Ordered this 29th Day of October 2010.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its 6600 members salute the Boy Scouts of America on their 100th anniversary. "Celebrating the Adventure and Continuing the Journey" is a compatible theme for both our organizations.

Lady Baden Powell challenged the Scouts to "Go deeper, go deeper into the well of the spirit of scouting and bring the living spirit of scouting more and more into your lives; into your community; into the life of your great and lovely land; and spread it wider and deeper into the hearts of men." Scouting met that challenge and is an integral part of the American experience.

For many of us Green Bar Bill, Boy's Life, camping, patriotism, the Boy Scout Law and Boy Scout Oath are the foundation of our adulthood.

We are proud to participate in the Boy Scout SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate program and enjoy the comradeship of our two organizations.

Our mission is to Honor the Union soldier and sailor that preserved the Union and on this occasion let us Honor the Cub Scout Den leader, the Venture crew leaders, the Boy Scout Troop leader, the volunteer and professional staff of Boy Scouts of America and most importantly your organization's mission and goals.

We tip our Kepi's to the Boy Scouts of America.

Ordered this 11th Day of November, 2010.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 7

Annual National Per Capita Tax

Article VI

Section 1. The Nat. Encampment shall assess a per capita tax on each Brother reported in good standing at the end of each calendar year. Such tax shall be payable in one annual payment and forwarded by the Dept. Treasurer to the Exec. Director, on or before May 31st.

The Nat. Encampment in Overland Park, Kansas, passed a resolution increasing the per capita tax by $5 ($18 to $23). The raise in per capita was effective at the conclusion of the Nat. Encampment. It was the first raise in per capita in eight years.

A reinstatement fee of $10 was also established and that no reinstatement of a Brother will be processed without the $10 fee.

The per capita tax increase was necessary due to expenses exceeding our income.

We have allowed applications at the Camp and the Dept. level to be processed at the old per capita if they were in the system at the time of the increase.

Effective 1 January 2011, all applications received at the Nat. Headquarters for membership and all annual report renewals must be at the new per capita. The Exec. Director has been instructed to return applications and annual reports to the Dept. Treasurer if they are received after 1 January 2011 with the old per capita.

Ordered this 6th Day of December, 2010.

By order of:	Attested:
D. Brad Schall	DC Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief	National Secretary

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ORDER WELCOMES CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – the Sesquicentennial is upon us and the Departments of Texas and New York lead the way with the first two SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Events.

What is a Signature Event? It is one which serves to educate the public on the legacy of the valiant work done by all U.S. Military Forces between 1861 and 1865; has a direct connection with the Civil War Sesquicentennial; is of national or state significance; and can be used by the Allied Orders as a recruiting tool to further our organizational goals. The event should not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk. Upon approval, the sponsoring Camp, Department, SVR unit or Allied Order organization is allowed to use the SUVCW name and logo to promote the event.

Any Camp, Dept., SVR unit, Allied Order or supportive organization can sponsor a signature event, advertise it as such, get recognition for the event on the national website, and offer the SUVCW's Civil War Sesquicentennial medal (shown here) to individuals who attend the event for a minimal donation.

A permanent record of these events will be preserved for posterity.

The Council of Administration approved the first Signature Event at its November meeting in Gettysburg. That event, sponsored by the Texas Dept., will commemorate the surrender of Gen. Twiggs, 150 years ago in San Antonio, Texas. The event will be held at the Alamo in San Antonio on February 12, 2011. A New York Dept. event — the 150th anniversary of Col. Ellsworth's murder in Alexandria, VA — is being reviewed. A graveside service will be held at the colonel's final resting place in Hudson View Cemetery, Mechanicville, NY, on May 15, 2011.

Participants

A passport system will be used to log participation at approved events. Passports, available from the Nat. Quartermaster, are stamped at each event. Stamped passports are then presented to the QM to purchase stars worn on the Sesquicentennial medal. The stars denote the number of events attended (bronze-5, silver-10, and gold-15 with combinations of those for higher numbers).

For information on events and applications, go to http://suvcw.org/CWSesquicentennial/CWSEQ.htm

CINC SCHALL'S 2011 TRAVEL SCHEDULE

29 January	Dept. of Tennessee Encampment	Nashville, TN
5 February	Dept. of Wisconsin Mid-Winter Meeting	Wauwatosa, WI
12 February	Lincoln Birthday	Washington, DC
11-12 March	Dept. of California Encampment	San Luis Obispo
26 March	Dept. of South Carolina & Georgia Encampment	Hampton, GA
1-2 April	Dept. of Iowa Encampment	Council Bluff, IA
9 April	Dept. of Nebraska Encampment	Wisnor, NE
16 April	Lincoln Tomb/GAR Founder's Ceremonies	Springfield & Petersburg, IL
23 April	Dept. of Maine Encampment	Waterville, ME
30 April	Dept. of Kansas Encampment	Lawrence, KS
7 May	Dept. of Connecticut Encampment	Rockville, CT
13-15 May	Dept. of New York Encampment	Albany, NY
21 May	Dept. of Michigan Encampment	Lansing, MI
30 May	Memorial Day (traditional)	Arlington, VA
4 June	Dept. of Indiana Encampment	Kokomo, IN
11 June	Dept. of Ohio Encampment	Columbus, OH
18 June	Dept. of Florida Encampment	St. Cloud, FL
23-25 June	Dept. of Pennsylvania Encampment	Scranton, PA
13-16 July	SCV National Convention	Montgomery, AL

Various Nat. Officers will represent CinC Schall at the Encampments and events not listed.

Real Sons: Their Memory Still Lives

When you shake hands with a Real Son, you can't help but think how close you are to the American Civil War. Only two generations span the 150 years since that war. These special men were born as a result of their fathers' marriages late in life to much younger women. Unfortunately, most of these veteran fathers did not live see our Real Sons reach adulthood; few shared first hand accounts of their exploits. Nevertheless, our Real Sons learned about their fathers from personal letters, mementos and historical accounts. Like the Grand Army in the early 20th Century, the number of Real Sons in the early 21st Century is quickly diminishing. Here's a sampling of those still living among us as we begin the Civil War Sesquicentennial.

Doing the work of the Order – Perpetuating the memory of the GAR

PDC Bruce B. Butgereit, Secretary
Gen. John A. Logan Camp 1

Since 2002, Real Son Harold Becker's attended Jackson, Michigan's annual Cascades Civil War Muster, honoring his father, Charles Conrad Becker, Co. H, 128th IN Vol. Inf. He's a special guest and a "celebrity" as the son of a Civil War soldier.

During the event, Br. Becker, wife Dorothy at his side, shares camaraderie with fellow MI Brothers and talks to visitors near displays set up by Austin Blair Camp 7. Pvt. Charles C. Becker's bio is displayed with photos. Typically, Br. Becker wears a Stetson hat, just as his dad did as Commander of Chicago's Lyon GAR Post 9.

Br. Becker is flattered when visitors remember him from previous years. After Saturday's battle, hundreds stop to say, "Hi," and shake his hand. His eyes light up when a group of children visit. He likes to tell them, "…they are shaking the hand of a man who once held the hand of a Civil War soldier." Often, the kids will sit on his knee. All leave with a postcard that has images of his father as a soldier and GAR member on one side and information and a photo of Br. Becker on the reverse. He autographs each postcard.

Br. Becker is a member of Grand Rapids' Gen. John A. Logan Camp 1. He celebrated his 93rd birthday on October 30th.

Colorado Real Son is Retired USAF Officer

The youngest Real Son, 82-year old John Dinsmoor visited the Dept. of CO & WY with his wife, son and grandson last June. During the proceedings, he received a replica Civil War sword from Legion of the West Camp 7.

His father, Samuel Pery Dinsmoor, was born in Collville, OH, in 1843 and served in Co. B, 116th OVI. He was in 18 major battles and saw Gen. Lee surrender at Appomattox before being mustered out in 1865. He came to IL in Fall 1866, taught school for five terms and married Mrs. Frances A. (Barlow) Journey in 1870. They moved to Lucas, KS, in 1891, where they farmed. He began building his log home in 1907. Six years after his wife died in 1917, he married Czechoslovakian immigrant Emilie Brozek.

He was the great grandson of Col. Wm. Dinsmoor, aid to Gen. Geo. Washington. Samuel Dinsmoor was 84 when John was born. His mother Emilie was 23.

John was born in a 13-room stone log cabin at the Garden of Eden, Lucas, KS, which his father started building when he was 64.

He built the first concrete flag, which still stands there.

Real Son John Dinsmoor is a retired USAF colonel, serving for over 30 years. He was a combat crewmember, flying 101 combat missions over Vietnam. While serving with the Strategic Air Command, he was one of the few selected to appear in the movie, "Strategic Air Command," starring Jimmie Stewart. He can be seen as the navigator aboard the KC-97 refueling plane in the film. He retired in 1980 after receiving his third Legion of Merit. He remembers little of his father, who died when John was five.

OK REAL SON ADDED IN 2009, TAKES LIFE IN STRIDE AT 95

Br. Charles Cox during his 95th Birthday.

By PDC Gene D. Turner

Indian Nations Camp 3 added Real Son Charles Cox to its roster last year. Br. Gene Turner discovered Br. Cox, the son of Cpl. Joseph Cox, 127th IL Inf., after reading about him in the newspaper. The elder Cox was captured and imprisoned at Andersonville until liberated during Sherman's March to the Sea. During his imprisonment, his father dug a tunnel to escape, but a fellow prisoner "ratted" on him and his father was forced to fill in the tunnel at gunpoint. The elder Cox was in his 70s when he fathered Br. Cox. Br. Cox was 13 when his father died, so he knew his father well.

Br. Cox is now a resident of an assisted living facility in Pawnee. His smiles and greetings to visitors are always enthusiastic and his graciousness is ever present. Earlier this year, Camp3 SVC Jesse Walker and PDC Gene Turner had lunch with Br. Cox, his daughter and her husband. Cox, a big, tall man consumed a mountain of food. Br. Cox's daughters, Judy Graham of Houston, and Gail Gazin of Pawnee say they "are amazed and encouraged by his attitude and memory."

On November 29th, he turned 95. On Sunday, November 28th, after a light snack, Br. Cox's musician buddies reunited at his home for a jam session. Their first song was "Happy Birthday" and the music continued for an hour and a half. The band consisted of four guitar players (including Br. Cox playing his steel guitar), a keyboard player, and a fiddle player. The 40+ guests were taping their toes and even doing a little dancing to the music. He had three birthday cakes with candles to blow out.

CANADIAN REAL SON

David O. Chase of Gov. Isaac Stevens C-A-L 1 is believed to be one of the last surviving children of Union veterans in Canada. His father, Albert Stillman Chase, was discharged in Wisconsin on May 10, 1865 at age 19 from the 6th MN Inf., three years after enlisting. Real Son Chase said his father was a printer's apprentice and had lied about his age when he enlisted.

Following the war, Albert became a successful businessman, involved with the Rockefeller family in the Duluth, Missabe & Northern Railway Company. He was 62 when he married 28-year-old Minnie Scott Douglas in Minnesota, two years before David was born. When David was two, the family moved to Glendale, CA. He remembers little of his father, who he believes died at age 78.

For the last 42 years, the younger Chase has lived on a large property in Cowichan, British Columbia. He turned 100 last September 23rd.

ILLINOIS REAL SON'S FATHER WAS LINCOLN'S HONOR GUARD

Real Son Carson Yeager is a member of Chicago's Phil Sheridan Camp 2. He was born Sept 23, 1916, grew up in Stockton, IL, and served in WW II in the Navy. His father was German immigrant Peter Yeager (1847-1928), who served with the 146th IL Inf., primarily transporting Confederate prisoners and guarding Union soldiers who had been drafted. His unit also skirmished with troops along the Mississippi River and Pvt. Yeager served on the honor guard for President Lincoln's funeral in Springfield, IL. He died when Carson was eleven, leaving the younger Yeager to learn of his father's experiences from his service diary.

Carson grew up on a farm in southern Illinois. After graduating high school, he took correspondence courses and then enrolled in Bradley University. He worked in as an electrician in Rockford for three years before enlisting in the "Seabees" in 1942. He later applied for and was accepted into Officers Training School and spent the rest of the war in the navy's Industrial Manager's Office, specializing in sonar. *From Civil War Fathers, Sons of the Civil War in WWII, edited by Tim Pletkovich, copyright 2007 by Vandamere Press.*

SUMMARY OF C& R CHANGES MADE AT THE 129TH NAT. ENCAMPMENT, OVERLAND PARK, KS

Submitted by PCinC Robert E. Grim, Chairman, Nat Comm. on Constitution and Regulations

Chap. I, Art. II, Sec. 3 amended. Members who are being reinstated will not be required to pay the per capita assessment for the period during which their membership was lapsed. They will pay a reinstatement fee of $10 plus the current year per capita.

Chap. I, Art. IV, Sec. 4 amended. The Color Bearer is added as a camp officer immediately following the chaplain.

Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 1 amended. The following wording is added at the end of this section: "and its own elective officers (except aides)." A new paragraph (b) is added to this section as follows: (b) No member of the department encampment or special meeting shall represent more than one camp at any department encampment or special meeting.

Chap. II, Art. IV, Sec. 1 amended. The Eagle Scout Coordinator has been added as an optional department officer.

Chap. II, Art. V, Sec. 3 amended. The Dept. Secretary must send the election reports to the executive director rather than the national secretary. This change brings the Regulations into conformity with the way things are actually done.

Chap. II, Art. V, Sec. 6 amended. The Dept. Patriotic Instructor is to actively encourage the restoration of Memorial Day to May 30th.

Chap. II, Art. V amended by adding a new Section 14. This change requires the Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator to compile statistical information on the number of Eagle Scout Awards presented and transmit the information to the Nat. Eagle Scout Coordinator.

Chap. III, Art. V, Sec. 6 amended. The National Patriotic Instructor shall serve as Chairman of the National Committee on Americanization and Education and serve as the Director of the SUVCW Memorial University.

Chap. III, Art. V amended by adding a new Section 22. This change requires the National Eagle Scout Coordinator to keep statistical records relating to the number of Eagle Scout certificates presented.

Chap. III, Art. VI, Section 7 amended. This section was repealed. It provided for the Annual Proceedings Fund.

NATIONAL COUNSELOR OPINIONS

All the National Counselor Opinions issued during the past year were approved with the following changes:

Opinion number 8. The term "States" shall include all United States Territories and possessions."

Opinion No. 10 was modified by the following amendment to the Regulations: Chapter II, Article II, Section 1 was amended with new wording added at the end of this section: "and its own elective officers (except aides)."

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE REGULATIONS

Sons of Veterans Reserve Regulations Amended as indicated in the bold print

Article X

C. SVR Unit Citation: This may be awarded to those units for being exceptionally meritorious in promoting the goals and objectives of the SVR and the SUVCW which clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units. The SVR Unit Citation is a ~~ribbon~~ white enamel badge bearing the SVR logo which is worn over the right breast of the wearer. Subsequent awards to the same unit will be awarded a bronze star for placement on the ribbon of the Sons of Veterans Reserve Membership Badge.

JOB DESCRIPTION CHANGES

1. Camp Secretary (13) Update the EIN information and status report on or before February 1 and August 1 of each year submitting the update to the Dept. Secretary by a means acceptable to the Department and format prescribed by the Nat. Treasurer.

2. Dept. Secretary (14) Update the EIN information for each camp within the Department by March 1 and September 1 of each year submitting the information to the Nat. Treasurer electronically or by other acceptable means in the format prescribed by the Nat. Treasurer.

NOTE: Other job description changes were made by the Committee on Program and Policies and approved by the Council of Administration and ratified by the National Encampment which is not listed here.

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CIVIL WAR COMMEMORATED IN LONDON, ENGLAND

Recently, we featured an article on the London Branch of American Civil War Veterans by English researcher Michael Hammerson. Michael, who is building an archive of Civil War Veterans buried in England, discovered three Civil War-related burials in Highgate Cemetery, near his home in north London, England, and wrote a booklet on them for the cemetery.

US Asst. Defense Attaché Lt. Col. Jack Wallace speaks at the grave of Pvt. Thomas Shepherd in London's Highgate Cemetery. At left is well-known English broadcaster John Waite.

Samuel Lucas was proprietor of the London Morning Star, the only major English newspaper that consistently supported the Union. His gravestone, recently given historic monument status by the Government's heritage advisers, records that he died on April 16th, 1865, "a few hours after hearing of the destruction of the slave power in America by the fall of Richmond; an object which he had unceasingly labored to promote."

The second grave, perhaps surprisingly, was of Richard Booth, half-brother of John Wilkes Booth, who died in 1869.

The third burial was of Ferdinand Thomas Barzetti who "fought under the name of Thomas Shepherd in the American Civil War." A London native, he enlisted in the 13th NY Lt. Artillery under an assumed name to prevent his mother learning of it. His service ended with a serious wound at Second Bull Run, and he returned to England. He died in 1914, and his stone was engraved with the logo of the London Veterans – the crossed flags of Britain and the U.S. So well did he keep his real name secret that his London comrades who attended the funeral were astounded when they saw it on the coffin.

The centenary of the inauguration of the London Veterans was September 20th and was therefore chosen both to launch the booklet and to conduct a graveside ceremony to remember the fallen of the Civil War. As is tradition with veterans' funerals, the U.S. Embassy in London sent a representative. Asst. U.S. Defense Attaché Lt. Col. Jack Wallace gave an address and laid a wreath at Barzetti's grave. Michael spoke on the Civil War and its relevance to England then and now. The ceremony received regional TV news coverage and was followed by a popular BBC history program featuring Civil War veterans buried in England. Several more burials came to light from listeners to the program.

For details of how to buy copies of the 8-page booklet, contact info@highgate-cemetery.org

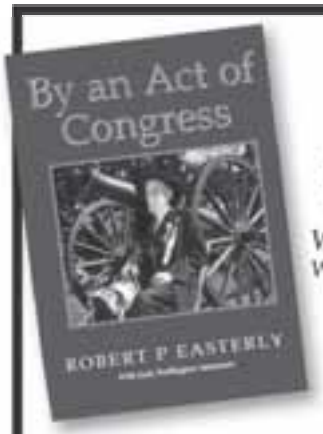
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

Attention
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Help us honor the service and sacrifices of your Union Civil War Officer Ancestor

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) was established on April 20, 1865. Currently, the MOLLUS has 21 State Commanderies nationwide. *Hereditary Membership* is available to direct male descendants (18 years and older) of a commissioned officer in the United States Army, Navy or Marines who served during the Civil War, or male descendants of a brother or sister of any such officer.

For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:
http://suvcw.org/mollus.htm
or
Email Keith G. Harrison (SUVCW PCinC and MOLLUS SVCinC) at:
pcinc@prodigy.net



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NAT. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 21, 2010 - GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The meeting was opened by CinC Brad Schall at 8:01 AM. Nat. Chaplain Kowalski provided reflection and prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CinC Schall thanked all for the support he was given during the Remembrance Day weekend. Br. Vieira was fined $1 for not wearing his badge, which he paid five-fold. The roll of officers was called, with the following recorded as present:

CinC D. Brad Schall, SVCinC Donald D. Palmer Jr., JVCinC Perley E. Mellor, Nat. Sec. Eugene G. Mortorff, Nat. Treas, Richard D. Orr, Nat. Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, Council Members Robert M. Petrovic, Ken L. Freshley, Tad D. Campbell, Alan L. Russ, William C. Vieira, Immediate PCinC Leo F. Kennedy, Nat. Counselor PCinC Donald Darby, Banner Editor PCinC Stephen A. Michaels, Wash. DC Rep. PCinC Andrew M. Johnson, SVR CO PCinC Robert E. Grim, Exec. Dir. David W. Demmy Sr.

Additional PcinCs present icluded James B. Pahl and PCinC Charles Kuhn

Guests included Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, Asst. Treas. Max L. Newman, Nat. GRO Bruce Frail, and Sesquicentennial Comm. Chrmn. Michael Beard

Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee. Br. Beard presented three committee recommendations:

(1) Approval of the form submitted for use by Camps and Departments to use in requesting COA approval for sesquicentennial signature events. A copy of the form was distributed via the COA Reports package. During discussion it was recommended that the form be allowed for use by SVR and Allied Orders organizations also. Br. Russ moved, Br. Orr seconded, to approve the form as submitted. More discussion followed. Br. Orr moved to amend the original motion, Br. Kennedy seconded to allow for non-SUVCW sponsors and to include two appropriate boxes on the form Motion passed.

(2) Approval of the first request for a sesquicentennial signature event, submitted by the Dept. of TX. Br. Beard read the application and copies provided to the members. Br Mellor moved to approve the Dept. of TX request, Br. Vieira seconded and discussion followed on whether the event qualifies; it falls outside the dates provided in the SUVCW charter for the Civil War. Questions like: What constitutes a sesquicentennial signature event, considering different Civil War start and end dates? Could we just endorse and not formally approve? An endorsement would be considered to be a form of approval. Motion passed with one dissenter.

(3) Design for the Sesquicentennial Medal (also contained in the COA Reports). Br. Russ moved to approve the new medal design, Br. Kennedy seconded and lengthy discussion followed. Items discussed included:

a. Potential difficulty for units to produce the recommended ribbon bars.

b. Difficulty of producing the bars, and distributing them through the QM store.

c. Possibility of designing one medal (for Allied orders) and another (for general public)

d. Using a “,Sesquicentennial Passport” that could be stamped at events participated in.

Br. Orr offered a substitute motion, and Br. Wheeler seconded, to produce a single medal to be made available by using a passport system for individuals participating in approved sesquicentennial events. Stars to denote number of events attended (bronze 5 , silver 10, and gold 15 with combinations of those for higher numbers) to be made available. Substitute motion passed.

Graves Registration Committee. Chrmn. Frail discussed and presented recommendations on the Graves Registration Database:

Brother Orr moved, Br. Vieira seconded, to recommend joint action committee of Br. Freshley and Br. Frail to obtain unlimited bandwidth internet services to host the GR Database for a cost of up to $600/year, but not to exceed five years (not including maintenance costs.). When setting up this service, use name, organization title and address in lieu of personal info. Motion passed.

Transitory Membership. Br. Mellor described members who geographically move to new locations; the Order then experiences problems tracking their move and keeping them active. Sometimes brothers move, but don’t contact us and are dropped from the rolls. This is a Camp Sec. responsibility, but many aren’t doing it properly. Br. Michaels explained the problem and provided some examples. How can we keep track of members who have moved to other locations where Camps don’t exist, or they don’t join a new Camp? Br. Mellor and Exec. Dir. Demmy will partner and work out a solution.

Restore Memorial Day Committee. Recommendations:

(1) To continue to ask support from all brothers, as well as the ladies in all the Allied Orders, and encourage them to sign petitions. Action: The CinC will take care of this personally.

(2) To set up an informational table to gather signatures at various events. Action: The CinC will encourage this.

Programs and Policy Committee. Br. Palmer, Chairman made the following recommendations. (Separate Report)

Br. Orr moved, Br. Campbell seconded, to approve the changes to Form 27as presented.Motion passed.

Br. Mellor moved, Br. Freshley seconded, to approve the changes to Form 35 as presented. Motion passed.

Br. Freshley moved, Br. Petrovic seconded, to approve the changes to Form 55 as presented. Motion passed.

Br. Campbell moved, Br. Orr seconded, to approve the changes to Form 49 as presented. Motion passed.

Br. Kennedy moved, Br. Mellor seconded to approve the changes to Form 30 as presented, with the addition of a corrected instruction page. Motion passed.

The Memorial Grant Form was discussed, adding time limits and a suggestion that forms be sent directly to the Nat. HQ. Br. Russ moved, Br. Orr seconded, to return the Form 62 back to the Programs and Policy Comm. to be reworked in coordination with the Nat. Exec. Dir., Nat. Treas. and Br. Petrovic. Motion passed.

Br. Orr moved, Br. Campbell seconded, that the Programs and Policies Committee coordinate with Exec. Dir. to streamline mailings to Nat. Officers. Motion passed.

Banner Policy. Discussion continued from the last COA meeting included info on Nat. Officers and reducing micro-

management of editor in his job description. Another part of the discussion was a possible form to be used to help in the submission of items for publication in the Banner. No action required. Programs and Policy Comm. will continue working on this.

"VISION" for the Order. Br. Palmer presented thoughts. Opinions expressed on whether a committee was needed. CinC Schall suggested Br. Palmer create a framework and report at the next COA meeting. An Ad Hoc committee (Brs. Palmer, Kennedy and Campbell) was appointed, which will report back at the next COA meeting. Additional comm. members may be appointed.

Treasurer. The status of our holdings and the budget was presented. No action required.

Nat. QM and Nat. Treas. announced that prices for all items in store will go up about 10%. The new prices incorporate the now required 8% NY state sales tax.

Conflict of Interest policy. Br. Orr presented a recommended policy, required to be in place by December 31, 2010. The related Disclosure Statement must be executed by elected and other officers decided by the Order. These statements must be reviewed by the CinC, and filed by the Nat. Sec. Br. Vieira moved, Br. Russ seconded, to accept the policy as presented. Motion passed.

Fraud Policy. Br. Orr discussed the need for a policy to be in place by next year. Br. Orr moved, Br. Campbell seconded, to have the Programs and Policy Comm., using the example policy provided, develop an SUVCW fraud policy. Motion passed.

SUVCW's Vangard Mutual Fund Account. Br. Orr moved, Br. Wheeler seconded, to adopt a resolution to authorize the treas. to be signatory on the and make changes as necessary to said account on behalf of the SUVCW. Motion passed.

GAR Anniversary Challenge Coin. Br. Wheeler recommended the SUVCW produce, and make available (through the QM's Store) to Camps and Departments, a coin to use as a token of gratitude for donations to their organizations. Sales tax included in pricing.

Br. Mellor moved, Br. Schall seconded, to approve the GAR Sesquicentennial Challenge Coins proposal, changing paragraph three to read quantities of 10, instead of 20. Motion passed.

Charter Status. Br. Mortorff reported three new Camps in different stages of completion, awaiting completed Charter applications. He also has one replacement Charter pending for a Dept. of NH Camp that is coming along well.

Electronic Boardroom. Currently no actions pending. No official correspondence has been received since the last COA meeting.

License Request. James Brady Camp (Dept. of MD) requested a license to produce a customized wooden plaque featuring the SUVCW emblem. License will expire at the same time as all other approved licenses. Motion passed.

Certificate of Commendation. Br. Wheeler presented a Camp and Dept. cerificate. Br. Mellor moved, Br. Schall seconded, to authorize the QM to develop a Certificate similar to the example. Motion passed.

SUVCW Guidon. Br. Wheeler presented the prototype, to be custom ordered by Camps and Departments. He will be adding this to the QM Store's inventory and will sell for approx. $50. The prototype was presented to the CinC.

Lincoln Tomb Observance. Br. Petrovic presented changes to the event, including selection of a new HQ Hotel. He provided a written document outlining the plans and details. The updated info will be available on the SUVCW website.

SUVCW Grave Markers. Br. Petrovic presented item available from the Foundation. A color diagram was provided. The marker is designed to be epoxy attached to the grave stone. Br. Orr moved, Br. Campbell seconded, to approve the request for a SUVCW license to manufacture and sell this item. Motion passed.

Outstanding Proceedings Reports. A presentation was made by Br. Vieira. For the missing 112th, 116th, and 118th, the Sec. will prepare certification letters for signature by the CinC and Sec. These will reflect dates and election of officer details only. The letters will be filed, and copies provided to the Proceedings Comm. to be incorporated in their final report.

Draping the Great Seal. The Chaplain suggested alternative for memorial services. The Nat. charter is in the Nat. Archives and is unavailable. Discussion followed. No final decision on this matter was reached.

2011 Nat. Encampment Hosted by Dept. of MD. DC Mortorff reported all major decisions and work had been accomplished and the Comm. is now making small adjustments in the details. During the last week, CinC Schall personally inspected the site, and met with the Comm. Chairman. He is pleased with the status of the preparations. Registration and hotel reservation info will be published in the Banner, and will be on the SUVCW website soon.

Remembrance Day Parade. Use of motorized vehicles for SUVCW, Allied Orders and other otherwise eligible participants was discussed. This year, a handicapped individual was denied parade participation because she used a "scooter." The CinC referred this issue to the Remembrance Day Comm. and requested a recommendation for consideration at the next COA meeting.

Department Visitations. CinC Schall announced that he will be coordinating by email instead of at the COA meeting.

CONTRACTS:

Nat. Exec. Dir. Br. Orr moved, Br. Freshly seconded, to approve the renewal contract (with minor changes). Motion passed.

Official Photographer. Br. Mellor moved, Br. Schall seconded, to approve a new contract for Ms Petrovic to at Remembrance Day, Lincoln Tomb Day and the National Encampment. Motion passed with Br. Petrovic abstaining.

Accounting Services. A presentation on the new retainer contract was made by Br. Orr. Br. Mellor moved, Br. Schall seconded, to accept the contract as presented. Motion passed with Br. Orr abstaining.

Announcement. Br. Grim was promoted to two-star general, as he now commands an SVR membership surpassing 1500 members.

With no further business to come before the Council, CinC Schall asked Nat. Chaplain Kowalski to provide a closing prayer and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 12:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

DC Eugene G. Mortorff, Nat. Secretary

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 8

Death of Past National President Opal A. Nelson – Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Brothers, it is with deepest sympathy and a heavy heart that I report the death of Opal A. Nelson, Past President of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Sister Nelson served the LGAR twice as President, 2000-01 and 2005-06.

Sister Nelson was a member of Lookout Circle 24 in Minnesota. She passed away 20 December, 2010 at the age of 81 years. Sister Nelson's passion for the LGAR and the Boys in Blue will be missed.

Sister Nelson was preceded in death by her husband Russell and is survived by four children, two brothers and many grandchildren. Two of her daughters are members of the LGAR.

Cards can be sent to her family at 4032 Xenwood, Minneapolis, MN 55416.

All charters, the National Web site, and membership badges will be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 29th Day of December, 2010.

By order of:	Attested:
D. Brad Schall	DC Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief	National Secretary

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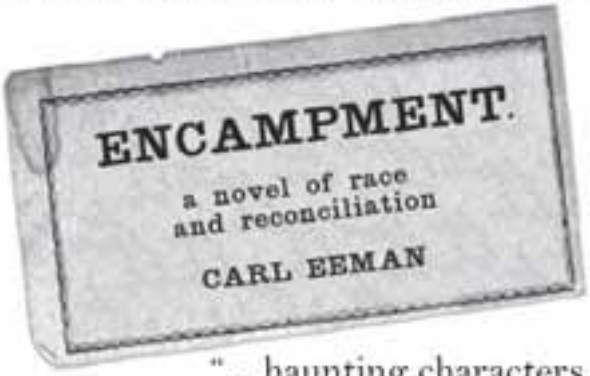

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FROM THE NAT. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

"A thoughtful mind, when it sees a Nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the Nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the Government, the principles, the truths, the history which belongs to the Nation that sets it forth."

—Henry Ward Beecher

The principles, truths, symbols, and history of our Nation must be taught and exemplified by its citizens. These are things our Order cherishes and strives to accomplish within our society and culture. Among the things we do, let me remind all Camps of our **Adopt a School Program.** This is yet another way we can educate the young citizens of our Country.
http://suvcw.org/education/docs/SUVCWAdopt-a-School.pdf

Reminder to Camp and Department Patriotic Instructors concerning your Annual Reports:
Camps must submit reports no later than 1 Feb. to the Department Patriotic Instructor.
Camp reports are based on the January to December calendar . (It is the Camp Commanders responsibility to see that the report is filed if the camp has no PI.)

Department reports must be filed with me no later than 1 June.
Reports may be filed electronically or by mail.
Web Site for PI job descriptions and forms http://www.suvcw.org/NatPatrioticPage.htm

Memorial University
148 enrolled with 73 graduates. http://www.suvcw.org/memuniv/memorialuniv.htm

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOMBSTONE RE-DEDICATION IN BUFFALO

CC Bill Tojek and BG Albert Myer (Br. Bob Gilbert) lead the march.

1st row (l. to r.) - Br. Ed Spear, CC Bill Tojek, Br. Bob Wiltshire, Nicolle Beyer (DUVCW), Dave Kreutz (Assoc. of Lincoln Presenters), Cindy Tojek (John B. Weber Monument Assoc.), Br. Jim Pace, Brian Seibel (Union Volunteeers Fife & Drum Corps); 2nd row (l. to r.) - Br. Bob Gilbert, Ray Ball (49th NY); 3rd row (l. to r.) - Br. Mark Hageman Sr., Br. Mark Hageman Jr.

On November 18th, Col. John B. Weber Camp 44's *Remembrance Day* ceremony was promoted on local TV, during the *Daybreak* show. Four segments were broadcast live from the Camp meeting hall. CC Tojek was interviewed about the origins and purpose of the Sons, as well as the history of *Remembrance Day*. Segments introduced each individual participating in the ceremony. Finally, a rifle salute took place in front of the hall and the war veterans' monument.

On *Remembrance Day*, Camp 44 held a formal ceremony rededicating the mausoleum of BG Albert Jame Myer in Buffalo's Forest Lawn Cemetery. BG Myer organized the Army Signal Corps as a fully functioning military specialty. He developed the signaling system used between unit commanders during the Civil War. In 1870, he established a nationwide weather reporting system, eventually the U.S. Weather Dept. Buffalo's GAR Post 236 was organized in his honor after his death.

Two local television stations taped the *Remembrance Day* service as a result of the advance publicity. These videos were featured during their respective newscasts on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The *Remembrance Day* service began with a procession to the music of the *Union Volunteers Fife & Drum Corps*, from the cemetery entrance to the mausoleum. Br. Bob Gilbert, portraying BG Myer, was the Officer-of-the-Day, responsible for introductions and explanations during the service. Administering the ceremony were CC Bill Tojek, Camp Chaplain Bob Wiltshire and Brs. Mike Erb, Mark Hageman Jr., Mark Hageman Sr. and Jim Pace. A squad from the *49th & 155th NY Vol. Inf. Re-enactment Regt's.* conducted the ceremonial salute. Representatives of the DUVCW and P. G. Cook Camp 223 placed flowers. David Kreutz *(Assoc. of Lincoln Presenters)* portrayed Pres. Lincoln and recited the *Gettysburg Address*; the *155th NYVI Re-enacting Reg.* drilled the "silent mourn" from the *1861 Army Regulations* to commemorate deceased veterans of all wars and conflicts; Camp 44's Br. Wiltshire offered a prayer to recognize the active Armed Forces; and Camp 44's Br. James Pace, who commemorated all veterans.

DUES, FEES AND OTHER FINANCIAL CHANGES ENACTED BY THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Compiled by PCinC Richard D. Orr, Nat. Treasurer

1. Increase the per capita dues to $23.00 per year effective immediately
2. Imposed a $10 reinstatement fee for those Brothers who are dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues effective immediately.
3. Suspended any portion of the per capita dues going to the Heritage Defense Fund
4. Decreased the amount of per capita being credited to the Civil War Monument Preservation fund by 50%.
5. Allocated $5.50 of each Brother's per capita to fund the Nat. Headquarters.
6. Re-allocated the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund
7. Increased the Internet application fee to $40
8. Increased the National Member-at-Large dues to $40
9. The Council of Administration decreased the Life Member reimbursement for the original Life Member plan to $4
10. Increased the Nat. Encampment pre-registration fee to $10 and increased to National Encampment registration fee "at the door" to $20.
11. The cost of some items from the Quartermaster Store have been increased and shipping costs will change with the increase in postage.
12. Adopted an accounting policy as required by the IRS.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
2011 PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES

(This List Supersedes All Previous Years)

Only Orders Received on Current Requisition Forms Will Be Honored

	No.	Item	Unit	Price	Quantity	Color	Total Amt.
	109	Promotion & Advertising Pamphlet	25	$9.00			
	114	SUVCW Letterhead Stationary	10	$2.50			
	115	Eagle Scout Certificate	each	$0.45			
*	200	Membership Cards - Camp use only	50	$8.75			
*	201	Station Banners – Set of 3	each	$110.00			
*	202	Membership Certificate – Tri-Color	each	$6.50			
	203	Certificate of Commendation		$1.50			
*	204	Associate / Jr. Associate Certificate	each	$4.50			
	205	RESERVED					
*	206	New Member Certificate – Camp use only	each	$4.50			
*	256	Credentials – National & Department	25	$3.25			
	257	Certificates For Camp Officer	1	$1.65			
*	302	Rituals & Ceremonies – Please specify Small Book or Large Book	each	$5.50			
*	350	Life Membership Bar - Life Member use only	each	$7.75			
*	351	Membership Rosette	each	$11.00			
*	352	Member Badge	each	$22.00			
*	353	Associate Badge	each	$22.00			
*	354	Junior Badge	each	$22.00			
*	355	Camp Commander Badge - Camp use only	each	$27.50			
*	356	Past Camp Commander Badge - Camp use only	each	$27.50			
*	357	Department Commander Badge - Dept use only	each	$33.00			
*	358	Past Department Commander Badge - Dept. use	each	$60.50			
	378	ROTC Medal with Certificate (Camp Use Only)	each	$5.50			
	359	50 Year Membership Badge	each	$33.00			
*	360	Miniature Badge (Member, PCC, PDC, Department Officer, National Officer, SVR, Service Medal)	each	$11.00			
*	361	War medal *(application must be included)*	each	$25.25			
		Service Bars - Worn On War Medal Only					
	362	World War II Service Bar	each	$8.75			
	363	Korean Conflict Service Bar	each	$8.75			
	364	Vietnam Action Service Bar	each	$8.75			
	365	Persian Gulf Service Bar	each	$8.75			
	366A	Iraq Service Bar	each	$8.75			
	366B	Afghanistan Service Bar	each	$8.75			
	366	Military Service Medal	each	$27.50			
	367	Replacement Ribbon for Badges	6 in.	$2.25			
	368	Replacement Ribbon for Miniature Badges	6 in.	$2.25			
	369	Service Numerals *(Attach to Badge – 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75)*	each	$8.75			
*	370	Bronze Recognition Button	each	$11.00			
*	371	SVR Insignia for Badge	each	$8.75			
	372	Decal - inside of window	each	$4.00			
	373	Decal - reflective	each	$4.00			
		For Miniature Badges Only					
	374	1/8"or ½" stars - bronze, silver or gold	each	$5.50			
	375	Silver Palm	each	$2.75			
	376	Neck Ribbon	36 in.	$8.75			
	500	Neck Tie - blue or Coat of Arms tie	each	$25.00			
	501	Tie Clasp with insignia	each	$12.00			
	502	Tie Tack - polished bronze	each	$11.00			
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No.	Item	Unit	Price	Quantity	Color	Total Amt.
503	Cuff Links with insignia	pair	$20.00			
504	SVR Collar insignia ½"	pair	$18.75			
504	SVR Collar insignia 3/8"	pair	$18.75			
505	SVR Tie Clasp	each	$12.00			
506	SVR Membership Badge	each	$14.25			
507	GAR Commemorative Badge	each	$12.00			
508	Black Belt with gold tip, 55" cut to size **and** gold son's belt buckle	both items	$26.50			
509	Presentation Folder for Certificates Blue with Gold Sons Emblem	each	$2.25			
510	SUVCW Note Cards	5	$3.50			
511	SUVCW "From the desk of" notepad	50 shts.	$2.75			
512	Mourning Ribbon	each	$0.30			
513	American Flag – 3x5 polyester	each	$8.75			
514	American Flag – 4x6 polyester	each	$11.00			
515	White Gloves (Circle one) S M LG XL	each	$4.50			
516	SUVCW Death Certificates	5	$5.50			
517	Replacement Boxes for Medals	each	$.65			
518	SUVCW Ames Sword (not engraved)	each	$430.00			
519	SUVCW Ames Sword (engraved)	each	$500.00			
520	SUVCW Challenge Coin - 3 color	each	$12.50			
521	Coin Holder	each	$3.50			
522	Coin Stand	each	$3.50			
523	Pocket Medal Holder	each	4.50			
524	SUVCW Knife with Metal Box (Not Engraved)	each	$16.50			
525	SUVCW Knife with Metal Box (Engraved)	each	$38.00			
526	Sesquicentennial Challenge Coin -Individual	each	12.50			
527	Sesquicentennial Challenge Coin – BULK	10 units	50.00			

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(Signature)

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM

By PDC Bruce B. Butgereit, Nat. Civil War Memorials Officer

On September 17, 1885, at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument dedication in Grand Rapids, MI, Maj. Charles W. Watkins of the 10th MI Cav. said, "…Most nations erect monuments to their great leaders; but today in this memorial we recognize no one above the other, and in ages hence, when every person here has been laid in his final resting place, the stranger within the city's gates, or the prattling child, as they pass by, may ask, Whose monument is that? And the response will be – That monument is erected in honor of the soldiers of Kent County, whose valor made it possible for us to live today in this beautiful, peaceful and prosperous city, under the stars and stripes, fitting emblem of a Union of States and a Nation's authority…that so long as grass grows and water runs, the deeds of the soldiers will be kept fresh and green in the hearts of the people..."

One can imagine similar words spoken at countless dedication ceremonies for other Civil War Memorials across the U.S. Maj. Watkins' words and others challenge us to support the Camp Memorials Officer – locating and assessing memorials, honoring the GAR and those who helped preserve the Union in 1861-1865 and, when necessary, notifying local authorities of the need for restoration or preservation.

As our forefathers volunteered to save the Union; we should look to preserve and/or save the memorials that honor them. Fortunately, SUVCW grants of up to $1,000 are available, using form CWM-62 (grant application). Note that before funds are requested, an assessment form CWM-61 must be submitted to the Nat. CW Memorials Officer.

Many have forgotten the reason for these memorials, so we also bear responsibility to tell that story – the Civil War Sesquicentennial is the perfect backdrop.

Some success stories – On February 12, 2009, with a wind chill below 20 at an outdoor ceremony, honoring Lincoln's 200th birthday, and conducted by the MI Commandery of MOLLUS and Gen. John A. Logan Camp 1, a teenage Boy Scout pledged to restore a 1913 bronze bust of Lincoln. Over the next 16 months, Camp 1 helped Travis Lepsch complete a successful Eagle Scout community service project. Total cost was $6,500: $1,000 from a SUVCW Memorial Grant, $250 from Camp No. 1, and $250 from the MOLLUS. Last October, the bust was rededicated with several Allied Orders represented.

Successful restoration may be a matter of suggesting that local government restore its memorial. In 2010, Camp 1 assisted Bridgman's Frederick H. Hackeman Camp 85 in rededicating a 100-pounder Parrott cannon, completely restored by the City of Niles. Interestingly, all communication was via email. Three different newspapers published before and after stories about the project.

Camp 1 is currently restoring a statue (1900) and cannon (possibly 1910) in Lowell, as well as a bronze tablet (1929) at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Next June, Camp 1 and Champlin Corps 41 (WRC) will rededicate a restored bronze marker (1929) as both Allied Orders are campaigning to create a new veterans memorial near the Civil War boulder. The Camp entered into an agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Labor and the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps to erect an historic marker at Cantonment Anderson (1861), the site of Grand Rapids' first Civil War training camp, commemorated by a boulder (1911).

The success Camp 1 experienced is due to a lot of effort spent in educating the public; establishing relationships with local governments and the media; and networking with area schools and historically-minded organizations.

BATTLE OF ALTOONA REMEMBERED

Recently, those dedicated to preserving the memory of the Battle of Altoona have worked to get the states, both North and South, to place monuments to their men who fought at the battle, north of Atlanta.

On October 3rd, the Dept. with Stokes Tent 2 (DUVCW), and Etowah Valley Historical Society unveiled the new monument to the 4th MN at Allatoona Pass State Park, on the banks of Lake Allatoona. Some descendants of 4th MN soldiers, who were at the battle, were also present

Dept of GA & SC and Stokes Tent 2. Photo by Br. Ernest E. Blevins

The Etowah Valley Historical Society's Ed Hill received recognition from the National SUVCW for his and the society's efforts to preserve one of "America's Most Endangered Battlefields."

NEW JERSEY PLAQUE COMMEMORATES GAR ENCAMPMENT

On September 25th, the Atlantic City GAR Centennial Committee dedicated a plaque, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 44th Nat. GAR Encampment, on the grounds of the historic Absecon Lighthouse.

The city's budget would not allow for installation, so PDC Dave Hann and Br. Martin Blaskey, with help from Martin's dad, Martin Jr., set the sign post and placed the 100-pound plaque on top of the 6-foot pole. The Camp's CC Fred Mossbrucker, SVC Shawn Kenny, and PDC Hann served on the committee. Funding came from many sources, including a Sons' memorial grant.

Before the ceremony, Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7's color guard led a short parade from the boardwalk to the lighthouse. NJ PDC Dr. David Martin served as Master of Ceremonies. Attendees included PCinC Bud Atkinson, Aux. PNP Margaret, NJ DC John Makos, DUVCW Nat. Chap. Ellen Higgins, Camp 7, Lincoln Camp 100, Purcell Camp 104, Anna M Ross Camp 1, Elizabeth Thorn Aux. 14, New Jersey 150th Committee, the DUVCW and ASUVCW, the 6th USCT re-enactors, 104th PA Vol. Inf., 14th NJ Vol. Inf., Co. A and D of the 7th NJ Vol. Inf. Each commemorative ribbon had a card attached with Camp contact info and website.

While patriotic music played outside, the public viewed re-enactor demos inside the Lighthouse keeper's cottage and viewed encampment photographs, memorabilia, and artifacts.

For more information about the encampment and celebration: http://sites.google.com/site/44thgarcentennial

Camp 7 brothers place the plaque on the post

The Col. Francine Camp Color Guard

GAR CHALLENGE COINS FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY

The first of a series of commemorative challenge coins has been commissioned to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. A new coin will be available at Remembrance Day each year through 2015.

Designs for future releases are welcome; artwork should be submitted to the Nat. Treasurer. Artwork submitted becomes the property of the Nat. Order, SUVCW.

The coins are available to Departments and Camps for fund raising. Cost is $5 ea. plus shipping (min. quantity 10). Departments and Camps are required to request a minimum donation of $10 per coin. The Quartermaster will offer the coins at a premium over the required $10 donation for those wishing to obtain one or two coins.

Coins will be available to Departments/Camps for one year (this coin until October 31, 2011). Afterwards, the Nat. Quartermaster may "fire sale" remaining coins or hold them for a future offering.

If successful, similar commemorative coins for anniversaries of various Civil War events will be considered.

GENERAL U.S. GRANT BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION

Hosted by New York City's Oliver Tilden Camp 26

Sunday, April 17, 2011, at the National Monument on 122nd St. & Riverside Dr. in Manhattan. The ceremony, which includes the initiation of the Camp's new members, begins at 11 AM.

Each year, "Memorials and Boosters" are solicited from members and organizations to defray the ceremony's cost. Memorials honor our Civil War ancestors or deceased brothers. "Boosters" allow organizations to show their support by having their name and address appear in nthe printed program. Your support is very much appreciated.

Contact Oliver Tilden Camp 26 SVC Arthur P. Kirmiss, 78-05 82nd Street, Glendale, NY 11385 (718-628-0818) before March 31st, 2011 or go to http://www.suvcw.org/ny/depny.htm www.suvcw.org/ny/depny.htm for more information.

PLAQUE MARKS KING'S HOME

In late 2006, Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Aux. #4 began discussing a plaque to honor Iron Brigade organizer and commander BG Rufus King. King came to Milwaukee in 1845, was editor of the Milwaukee Sentinel and Gazette, a member of the 1848 WI Constitutional Convention, the superintendent of the Milwaukee's public schools, a UW regent, and the president's U.S. minister to Rome. His home at Mason & Van Buren Streets lent the intersection the name "King's Corners."

Receiving permission to place the plaque on private property, changes in Historical Society leadership, and miscommunication all delayed the project. Nonetheless, fund raising began in earnest in 2008. With the help of an SUVCW Memorial grant and a grant from the Charitable Foundation, the plaque was cast and erected in October 2010. A Spring 2011 dedication is planned.

CAMP PLANS NEW MEMORIAL

Recently, John T. Crawford Camp 43 held a 3-day living history walk as a fundraiser/awareness project for the proposed Indiana Cty. (PA) Civil War memorial. The walk took a reverse underground railroad route; at each town along the way, donations were accepted and the Camp participated in planned activities. About 25 people joined them during the trek.

The event was endorsed by Pennsylvania Civil War 150, a partnership of major history organizations, planning for the state's commemoration of the Civil War's 150th anniversary.

The proposed life sized bronze statue of a Civil War private atop a barn stone base will honor about 2800 Indiana County Civil War vets. It will be placed on the front lawn of the Silas Clark House, a former GAR Post 28 meeting hall.

The project's budget is $80,000. The field stone base ($15,000) is being donated. Since July, an additional $9,289.80 has been raised. Br. Tim Nupp is the chairperson of the Memorial Committee, which includes members of the Indiana Cty. Tourist Bureau, the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County and Camp 43.

For info: send email to restonarms@yahoo.com or send requests via mail to John T. Crawford, Camp 43, P.O. Box 339, Starford, PA 15777.

(left to right): Brs. John Krekota, Robert Bowser, Joe Rupp, Terry Greene and Timothy Nupp.

NEW OHIO MONUMENT DEDICATED

More than three years of planning, fund-raising and work culminated in Greene County's first Civil War memorial, dedicated in Xenia last Memorial Day. Flags, veterans of several wars, dignitaries, and a large patriotic crowd honored the county's Union soldiers. OH DC Robert Davis, SVR Commander BG Robert Grim, and Camp 93 CC Fred Lynch were among key speakers. Sherman Camp Br. Grant Bates was master of ceremonies. The Sherman Camp Color Guard presented colors and SUVCW Brother Steve Ball entertained with a medley of Civil War songs.

Brs. (l-r) Del Steiner, Grant Bates, PDC Robert Davis, SVR Co. BG Robert Grim, Mark Allex and Sherman CC Fred Lynch (front) at the dedication ceremony, May 30, 2010. Photo by Barbara Lynch

Civil War re-enactors of the 10th OH Art. and 6th OVI represented Union soldiers and rendered military honors. During the Civil War, the original 10th Ohio Artillery was formed in Xenia.

Sponsored by Camp 93 and the Greene County Civil War Discussion Group, the new monument is located on grounds of the County Court House in downtown Xenia. Dayton's Sherman Camp 93 and the Ohio Dept. were among financial contributors.

INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES

Edited by PCinC Richard Orr

Question: There is reference to the Military History Institute (MHI) at the Carlisle Barracks being the official repository of SUVCW and GAR records in some of our documents. What materials are there? How do we place records in the MHI?

Response: These documents need to be updated. At one time, the MHI was designated as the official depository of SUVCW and GAR records that belonged to the SUVCW. The arrangements were made by PCinC Chester Shriver when he was the Nat. Secretary-Treasurer. Appropriate amendments to the C&R were adopted to support the MHI as the official depository.

During the 1990s, several attempts were made to access our records. When that access was denied, the C&R was amended and the designation of the MIH as the official depository terminated. Eventually, with PDC Al Kern's efforts, access was obtained. Most of what was there were old financial records and when the archives at the MHI were renovated much of those were destroyed. Much of what had historical value was duplicated in the Order's other records. The few GAR records had been incorporated in the Institute's collection and were considered a permanent donation. Since then, efforts have been made to designate repositories with little success. Most institutions do not want to accept our records. Currently, the approved depositories are:

1) Pennsylvania State Archives for all Pennsylvania Dept. records with these noted exceptions:

2) Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall Museum and Trust in Pittsburgh for all GAR and SUVCW records from the 13 counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania;

3) the GAR Museum in Philadelphia for all GAR and SUVCW records from Philadelphia Cty. and the adjoining counties;

4) The GAR Museum of Scranton, PA, for all GAR and SUVCW records from Lycoming Cty., PA;

5) Nat. Headquarters, for revoked and surrendered SUVCW Camp and Dept. charters; membership records, financial records of the Nat. Order and similar such Nat. Order records. Records are maintained in accordance with the approved records management plan.

Four Pennsylvania locations were approved, following an action by the PA Dept., which placed the onus on the Nat. Order to provide storage facilities. The COA approved the sites rather than provide storage for more than 100 years of records. Most GAR records are scattered across the land. The GAR never centralized their records and as departments and posts closed, there was no immediate need or desire to assemble the records in one location. These records are held in libraries, historical societies, VFW posts, American Legion posts, and private collections. One of the current Nat. Projects is to locate these records and create a location database.

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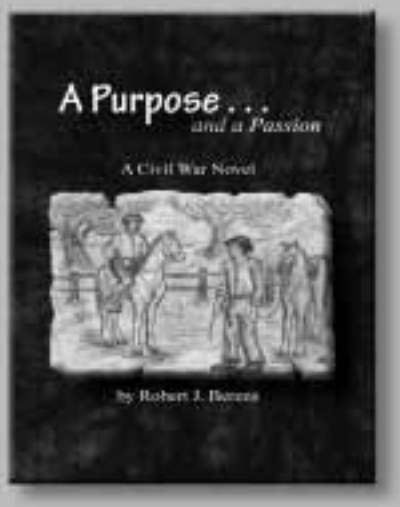

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Veterans Day 2010

The Michigan Department marches in Detroit's Veterans Day Parade. One can see the Dept. parade banner in front, the honor guard, the Nat. and Dept. Colors, followed by eleven Camp flags. Photo by Wigwam Jones.

One Last Veterans Day

By Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski

Holding the US flag Br. Bob Rodgers, next to him Br. Gary Gunderson both of P.H. Sheridan Camp 2, and next is Brother Michael Bigwood, G.A.Custer Camp 1.

A week before Veterans Day, I was driving past O'Hare Airport and on a whim, I stopped at the two cemeteries within the field, which will be moved to make way for new runways. I remembered my late father taking me there as a child, and seeing graves of WW I and II veterans. When I called the City of Chicago and St. John's UCC in Bensenville, I found that four Civil War vets - two who had GAR markers until they were stolen - were buried in that cemetery. I asked Bugles Across America to send someone to play taps, and asked my IL Dept brothers to attend at 9 AM on Nov 11 - Veterans Day. Sixteen from Camps 1, 2 & 26 came. Fifteen of the public had heard about it at St. John's Sunday service and 25 members of the media hoped for fireworks.

They were told repeatedly we were there as the descendents of Mr. Lincoln's Army…that we were there to honor them for one last time before the cemetery was moved. Most had been buried in wooden coffins. Backhoes and power equipment would not suitably transfer the remains from this site to any other. We were not there to comment on whether the City or the Church were correct in their thinking. We were there only to honor all 21 of the veterans. We indeed did pay our respect to the Boys in Blue with the 1890 Ritual Ceremony and Taps for what was probably the very last time.

New Jersey

On November 6th, Peter Yarem and Jacqueline C. Fahrenholz raked and cut the grass at the Winfield Scott GAR Post 73 burial site at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains. They also placed flags on the graves of all veterans for Veterans Day. This was done as part of their Confirmation community service project. The young people are pictured with Br. Frank McGonigle.

Texas

Last November 11th, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp 2 mustered at the Houston City Hall. CC David LaBrot was joined by PCCs James Hackett, Stephen Schulze, Brs. Bob Lockwood, Dale Leach, and Michael Lance. The Auxiliary's Emma Valdes also attended. They combined with the 13th U.S. Inf. Reg., forming an impressive color guard.

After the speeches, the color guard offered a musket salute to the veterans – past and present. The guns were double-charged and the load was augmented with colored chalk for additional effect. The unit alternated volleys with the VFW.

During the parade, which followed, the unit drew a lot of attention as it passed along the streets – seemingly a parade of its own – with marching boots clicking the pavement and accoutrements clanking! After the parade, members gathered at a downtown restaurant for food and camaraderie.

Department News

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

About four years ago, Wm. R. Keith 12 adopted Helen Marie Smith Elementary School in Las Vegas, presenting history and patriotism to the students. The Camp has provided visitations from Abraham Lincoln. Benjamin Franklin, essay contests, poster coloring contests, and color guard instruction and participation.

PDC Al Peterson and Principal John Haynal with the National Blue Ribbon Award plaque.

Assemblies have included presentations on Civil War memorabilia, American symbolism and holidays.

These activities were considered when the school was recently selected, as one of two in Nevada, to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award.

Veterans Day observances in Gridley began with a ceremony held at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery in honor of Pvt. H. C. Veatch, otherwise known as Colonel Veatch. Pvt. Veatch was the last Union veteran in Butte County.

Brs. Steven Neuburger, Don Wilt, Jim Monteton, CC Owen Stiles. Photo by Br. Forrest Allen.

Gen. Geo. Wright Camp 22 CC Owen Stiles MC'd the SUVCW-sponsored event, which included the mayors of Gridley and Biggs, the American Legion, VFW, and Veatch family members. Stiles described the Last Soldier Project and explained that Pvt. Henry Clay Veatch, Co. C, 5th IN Cav., tried to enlist at the age of 13, but was sent home. He then gave his age as 18 and enlisted as a drummer boy, becoming the first from his hometown of Everton, IN. He was given a Bible, which he had until his death in 1939.

Veatch was given the honorary title of "Colonel" because of his 30 years of service in Oroville¹s Wm. T. Sherman GAR Post 96. He also was affectionately dubbed Gridley¹s ³Grand Old Man" and both the Gridley Museum building and a street in Oroville bear his name.

Participants laid wreaths at Veatch's grave, and an honor guard fired a salute before Taps was played.

Information for this article was obtained from Ms. Lisa Van De Hay, publisher of the Gridley Herald.

FLORIDA

Gen. Wm. S. Harney Camp 8 honored the Civil War soldiers buried in Orange City's Hollywood and Lincoln Cemeteries on November 13th in a Rededication Ceremony. PCC Msgr. William R. Cavins credits incoming CC David Hoover with the work of re-identifying these graves from WPA files compiled in the 1940s.

Newly elected and installed CC David Hoover (left) presides over the ceremony, assisted by DC Robert V. Chandler, Br. Zachary A. Cavins and Camp Sec/Treas. Gene L. Thompson II.

One of those identified was 2Lt. Hadley P. Burrill who was the postmaster in Chelsea, MA before being elected 2Lt. in the 4th MA Inf. Militia (90 days). He moved his family to Orange City by 1880 and worked as an agriculturalist farmer. The ceremony was held at his grave.

MISSOURI

On October 9th, Junior William Zoughaib was one of two members of St. James Camp 326, who participated in the annual Spirit Reunion at St. Genevieve's Memorial Cemetery.

Br. Zoughaib portrayed 15-year old Civil War soldier Jacob Zimmer, a musician in Co. I, 30th MO Inf., who died in December 1862 while in a hospital at St. Genevieve. This was one of 20 spirits represented and viewed by nearly 150 visitors.

Br. Zoughaib is an interesting young man. Born in Russia, he was adopted and brought to America. He is home schooled and interested in history. He participates in Camp activities and is also a member of the French Marines, a French Colonial re-enacting group. He is a great asset to our Camp and a joy to be around.

OHIO

Last Union Veteran Ceremony

Pvt. David Little Fast, the last surviving Pickaway County Union veteran, was born September 2, 1847. He served in Co. K, 197th OVI, which guarded Washington D.C. and the Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad.

Pvt. David L. Fast, Co. K, 197th OVI - (Left to Right) DC Chuck Reeves, Brs. John Bowling, Warren Gentzel, PCCs Don Martin, Henry Shaw, PCinCs Bob Grim, Don Darby, & Br. John Huffman

Pvt. Fast died on November 8, 1943, and was buried in Pleasant Cemetery with his family. His small gravestone did not indicate his service. Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp 73 rectified that by placing a plaque there, honoring Mr. Fast as the county's last Civil War veteran. Nearly 15 descendants of Mr. Fast attended, representing four generations and a descendant bearing his name. The ceremony included guest speaker PCinC Donald E. Darby, SVR Commanding General and PCinC Robert E. Grim, SVR Deputy Commander Col. Henry Shaw, DC Charles Reeves, Nat. PI Don Martin, Co. C, 20th OVI, CC John Bowling and CSVC John Huffman.

This is the third Ohio County in which Camp 73 has honored the Last Union Veteran of the Civil War. Nelson Dunlap, USN, of Ross County was honored in 2007 and Samuel Shattuck, Company B, 73rd OVI, of Pike County in 2009.

OKLAHOMA

Dept. Adjutant and Chaplain Perry Greene presented awards to outstanding Cadets at Mustang High School's JROTC banquet. This is the first time the Dept. has been invited to such an event. They will attend more banquets next year along with Courts of Honor for Eagle Scouts.

PENNSYLVANIA

On Sept. 15, DSVC Richard Essenwein presented Colleen Chambers of the Indiana Hist. Soc. the original charter of GAR Post 28 from Indiana, PA. The charter was recently discovered in storage and presented on loan to the IN Hist. Soc. Post 28 met in the Silas Clark House, home of the IN Hist. Soc.. The artifact now hangs in the same meeting room where it hung over 100 years ago. Post 28 was organized on June 28, 1878.

TENNESSEE

Eagle and Br. Nicholas Knight was presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate at his Court of Honor by DSVC Douglas Fidler. Br. Knight is Camp Guide for Maj. Will A. McTeer Camp 39 in Maryville.

TEXAS

Recently, E.E. Ellsworth Camp 18 provided the Plano's Haggard Branch Library with artifacts and other display items for the Haggard Library Genealogy Dept.'s display case. Items included a replica uniform, an interactive display of various items common to a Civil War soldier, various books concerning the Civil War and its history, replicas of a Civil War rifled musket and sword, flags, maps and historic original documents, including discharge and promotion certificates.

CC Don Gates and DC Harold Sickler collected the items from Camp members, and arranged them in the glass cabinets that line the genealogy department room wall. The display was in place for an entire month.

Department News

On October 9th, Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp 1 held a formal U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth. Over 30 U.S. flags were retired per U.S. Flag Code and the ceremony was well received by all in attendance.

The J.J. Byrne Camp 1 Color Guard presents the Colors at the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

On November 7th, the Camp participated in the annual Massing of the Colors in downtown Fort Worth, which is a patriotic Veteran's Day service honoring our Nation's Veterans.

WISCONSIN

Brothers and sisters who attended the 5th annual Dept. Leadership Conference gained insights into working with volunteers, recruiting, problem solving and understanding the Order's regulations. Members from four Camps and one Auxiliary benefited from both class presentation and seminar work, preparing them for greater responsibility in their organizations.

CENTRAL REGION MEETS

The GAR Allied Order's Central Region Association conference was held in Farmington, MO, on October 2nd. During this conference, members of the MO Dept. were elected to positions over this ten state organization; Officers are: Commander: Bob Petrovic (MO), SVC Don Shaw (MI); JVC Chris Warren (MO), Sec/Treas. Alan Teller (IN), Chap. Walt Busch (MO), and PI Marty Aubuchon (MO).

Addendum to Summer 2010 Banner

– Canadian MOH Recipient Honored in Los Angeles

Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2 and Aux. 2 were asked by the California Medal of Honor Project to help dedicate Medal of Honor recipient Benjamin Youngs' new headstone with full military funeral honors. Assisting were Camps 4, 17 and 21, and Aux. 52. Youngs earned the Medal of Honor on 17 June 1864, over a month before the Battle of the Crater.

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BELATED CEREMONY IN MISSOURI

On November 13th, Gen. James R. McCormick Camp 215 held a "Belated Veterans Day Ceremony" at Hopewell Cemetery. The Camp, Louisa Volker Auxiliary, and two members of St. James Camp 23 began the day by placing flags on the graves of Civil War veterans. This was followed by the opening ceremonies of the men in uniform marching the length of the cemetery road, U.S. flag waving in the wind, and a riderless horse, led by our Junior. Members of the Camp and Auxiliary gave talks, read a poem, had prayer, and fired an honor volley as part of this ceremony.

GRAVE BLANKET CEREMONY HELD IN NEW JERSEY

By DP Bonnie C. Meyers, Nat. Press Secretary

Gen. Nathaniel Lyon Camp 10 and Cornelia Hancock Aux. 10 assisted in placing blankets on hundreds of graves at the Cumberland Cty. Veteran's Cemetery on December 4th. The grave blankets were made by students at Cumberland Regional High School.

Area veteran's groups, Bridgeton High School JROTC students and Boy Scouts with flags lined the cemetery driveway on a very cold and blustery day. A motorcycle club and sheriff accompanied the donated tractor trailer through city streets into the cemetery. The motorcade arrived promptly and guests gathered around the American flag in the center of the cemetery for the opening address

NJ DP Bonnie Meyers and DC John Makos thanked the crowd for coming. DP Meyers and Director of Veteran's Affairs for Cumberland County Diana Pitman laid the first blanket on the grave of the first veteran buried in the cemetery. Everyone, including, then gathered at the truck, as blankets were unloaded and covered each of the 528 sites in the cemetery.

As the ceremony closed, Meyers thanked everyone for honoring and remembering veterans everywhere. A Deerfield Presbyterian Church elder pronounced the benediction. The SUVCW fired a 21-gun salute and the playing of 'Taps' ended the observance.

REMEMBRANCE DAY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

(L to R) DVP Mary E Flynn, Sharon Wood as Mrs Betsy Phelps, PNP Cynthia Brown, Steve Wood as Pres. Lincoln, DC Gary Ward, and Dept. Treas. Clayton Longver.

The annual Remembrance Day observance, sponsored by the Department's Sons and Auxiliary, was held on November 13th at the Historical Society in Concord. Featured speakers were Sharon Wood, who portrayed Mrs. Betsy Phelps, a NH mother of a Union Soldier killed at Gettysburg, and Steve Wood as Abraham Lincoln, who delivered the Gettysburg Address. The NH Arts and Humanities Council supported this presentation, free and open to the public. A bountiful collation followed the program.

WISCONSIN

C.K. Pier Badger Aux. 4, Ami Hawks Aux. 5, and C.K Pier Badger Camp 1 were able to bring the spirit of Christmas to needy veteran families in the Milwaukee area. The Auxiliaries sponsored two families, provide DVDs to the spinal cord Hospital, as well as donate winter hats scarves and socks to the many veterans at the Zablocki VA Hospital. With the help of Camp 1, they were able to raise and donate over $2000 worth of gifts during the holiday season.

Photo at right:
(Standing) DP Allison Michaels, PNP Danielle Michaels and AP Kathy Anderson.
(Sitting) Camp PI Br. Eric Graff (aka- Santa) with Army vet and son.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

At the start of the Civil War few men on either side thought about the fact that at some point in time they would have to load a bullet into a gun, aim it at another human being, and pull the trigger with intention of killing that person. Today very few of us, thankfully, will have to do that awful deed.

Yet all of us have the power and too often do - say words that kill the spirit, injure the pride, wound the feeling of other people. Like the bullets from a weapon - the words can never be taken back. Even apologies can seldom heal the damage that has been done.

Recently, a friend of many decades forwarded to me a piece from the internet about a topic that is much in discussion these days. Folks on both sides of the issue have strong feelings. I replied to the message that I support some of what was being advanced, but that some of it was against my thinking on that topic. Now there is a question about whether or not my words were like bullets that destroyed a friendship. I pray that they were not. Brothers, we need to be mindful of one another. We need to say and do things that build each other up - not tear each other down. Treat others the way we want to be treated ourselves.

These ideas were advanced on Remembrance Day at the Last GAR Member's Monument during the Benediction.

Chaplain Jerry

FINAL MUSTER

Harry (E.) Robinson's
Gen. John A. Logan Camp 1 (MI)
January 29, 2010

Erwin W. Work
Patrick Coyne Camp 1 (KS)
August 10, 2010

Floyd L. Austin, Jr.
Geo. A. Custer Camp 17 (NJ)
September 15, 2010

Delton Gilliland
Old Abe Camp 16 (KS)
September 29, 2010

Robert L. Snavely
Col. Jacob L. Campbell Camp 14 (PA)
October 6, 2010

CC Thomas L. Crounse
Col. David Ireland Camp 137 (NY)
October 25, 2010

Gerald Robinson
Dodge Camp 75 (IA)
October 28, 2010

PCC Jack Hilyer
David G. Caywood Camp 146 (NY)
October 29, 2010

Harold K. Johnson
Ben Harrison Camp 356 (IN)
November 6, 2010

Robert A. Fisk
Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4 (FL)
November 19, 2010

Kenneth R. Nichols, Sr.
C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 (WI)
December 3, 2010

PCC Michael W. Anderson
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 (KS)
December 10, 2010

Norman Houser
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 (PA)
December 11, 2010

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December 18, 2010

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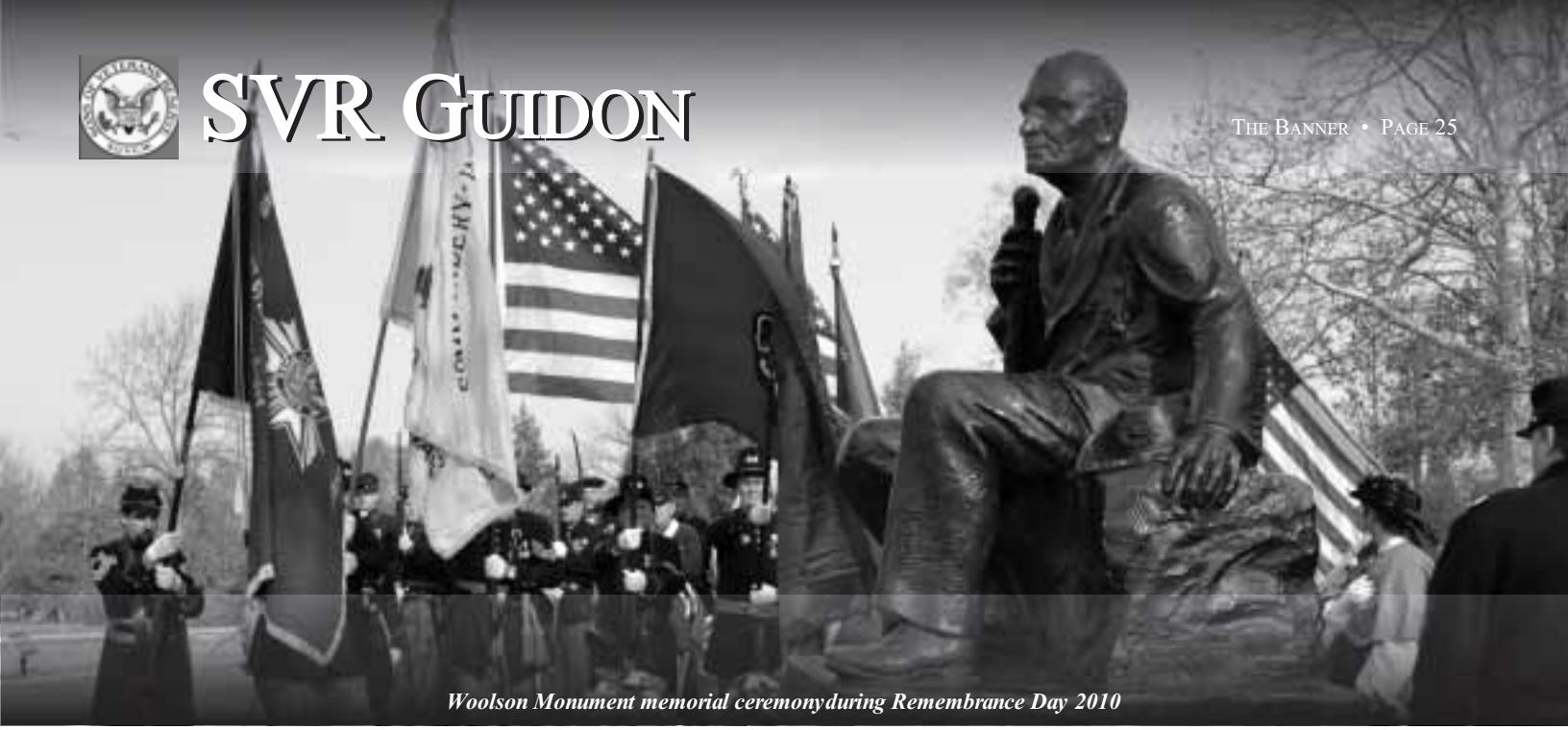

Woolson Monument memorial ceremonyduring Remembrance Day 2010

1ST MILITARY DISTRICT

Massachusetts Grave Stone Dedications

On October 16, Co. E, 15th MA. Inf., SVR, dedicated two Union gravesites. Located in Uxbridge's Prospect Hill Cemetery, the sites belonged to Pvt. Samuel Greggory, Co F, 2nd MA Inf. and Army nurse Marie B. Green, born Hanna Marie Barton in Oxford, a second cousin to Clara Barton. Ms. Greene served on the battlefields and along the Gulf and East Coasts, treating soldiers who came off steamers. She struggled to receive a pension of $12 a month. Pvt. Greggory and Nurse Greene finally received headstones due to the efforts of PCCs Roy Henry and Ed Norris of Worcester's Willie Grout Camp 25.

On September 18th, the unit marched in a parade as part of a ceremony to dedicate four parks dedicated to veterans. The park system was named the Veteran's Memorial Corridor and is located along Rt. 12 in Auburn.

PCC Roy Henry, DSVC George Maple, Bob Durcharme, PCCs Rey Rodriguez, Steve Twining, and Pete Rotando)

6TH MILITARY DISTRICT

Nashville's 1st Sesquicentennial Event

The 10th TN Inf., SVR, affiliated with Fort Donelson Camp 62, participated in the first Civil War Sesquicentennial event held at Nashville's Fort Negley on September 25th. Fort Donelson Camp 62 CC Sam Gant and Brs. Larry Cockerham and Richard Sherlock manned the SUVCW recruiting booth, while 1Sgt Dave Du Brucq, Cpl Bill Heard and Cpl Roger Tenney participated in a reenactment of N.B. Forest's cavalry raid.

SVR Units at Battle of Franklin Re-enactment, Ceremony

Tennessee and Iowa joined forces to present the Federal Colors at the Battle of Franklin re-enactment, on October 16th at Harlinsdale Farm in Franklin, TN. The event, marking the 146th anniversary of one of the western theater's most bloody battles, was attended by thousands of spectators. Members of the 10th TN Inf., SVR, and the 49th IA Rifles, SVR, presented the colors.

TN & AL DC Sam Gant, 10th TN USVI, SVR 1Sgt Dave DuBrucq, Grenville Dodge Camp 75 SVC Danny Krock and Br. Dave Thompson, both of the 49th IA Inf., SVR, and Fort Donelson Camp 62 Br. Joe Smyth.

Following the march to the Carter House, Sons listen to Prof. Flagel's presentation.

On November 28th, as part of the 146th Anniversary Battle of Franklin Memorial Assembly, members of Fort Donelson Camp 62 and the 10th Reg., TN US Vol. Inf, SVR, marched from Fort Granger to the Carter House, the epicenter of intense fighting during the battle. The 10th TN U.S. Inf. SVR color guard, commanded by 1Sgt. David DuBrucq, led the Camp 62 and relatives on the 1.1 mile march through the streets of Franklin, TN. Their arrival at the Carter House was carefully timed to coincide with that of Confederate re-enactors led by SCV Sam Davis Camp 1293, marching from Winsted Hill. A brief ceremony led by Prof Thomas Flagel, who described the thoughts of a soldier facing battle, commemorated the shared heroism of both Union and Confederate soldiers who fought in that epic battle.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Per SUVCW General Order Series 2010-2011 No. 4, BG Robert E. Grim is reappointed as Commander of the SVR. Pursuant to SVR Regulations, Art. II, Sec. 2 and Sec. 5, BG Grim is hereby commissioned a Major General, effective 20 Nov. 2010 and in force until 15 Nov. 2013. The following General Staff appointments and commissions shall continue in force until 15 Nov. 2013:

Col. Henry Shaw, Jr., Dep. Co.
Col. Elmer F. Atkinson, IG
Col. Andrew M. Johnson, Wash. D.C. Liaison
Col. Donald E. Darby, AG
Lt. Col. Robert E. Petrovic, CoS, commissioned a Colonel.
Lt. Col. Larry E. Freed, Chaplain.
Lt. Col, Jack G. Grothe, Commander 4th MD
Lt. Col. David E. Allyn, Commander 6th MD
Capt. Edward Kreiser, Commander 3rd MD, commissioned a Major.
Maj. James B. Pahl, JAG.
Maj. Peter N. Rotando, Commander 1st MD
Maj. Kenneth V. Early, Commander 7th MD
Capt. Eugene Mortorff, Commander 2nd MD
Capt. Leo F. Kennedy, PIO
Capt. Eric J. Schmincke, Dep. Provost Marshal
Musician Sgt. Maj. Ivan E. Frantz

Maj. Charles E. Kuhn, Provost Officer SVR, has requested to be transferred to the Inactive Reserve, SVR The Commander SVR approves the request and wishes to thank Maj. Kuhn for his dedication and service to the SVR. Capt. Eric J. Schmincke is appointed Provost SVR.

PROMOTIONS

The following are promoted to the grades indicated:
Capt. Richard J. Lewis, CO, 1st Mtd. Rifles, 7th NY Cav. (until 13 Mar 2013)
2Lt. Philip J. Swaney, Adj., 1st Mtd. Rifles, 7th NY Cav. (until 13 Mar 2013)
2Lt. Wm. Morris, CO, 14th MI Inf. (until 13 Mar 2013)
Naval Lt. Timothy Graham (until 4 Apr 2013)
Naval Ensign Kenneth Freshley (until 4 April 2013).

AWARDS

The Commander General takes great pleasure in presenting the following awards:
Meritorious Service Medal, Silver Star, to 2Lt. Charles "Buck" Custer, Amzi D. Harmon Co., 7th MD
Distinguished Service Medal, Gold Star, to Col. Donald Darby, Nat. AG, SVR.
Distinguished Service Medal, Gold Star, to Maj. Stephen Michaels, CoS, 4th MD.
Unit Citation to Co. D, 27th IN Vol. Inf. Reg., 3rd MD
Unit Citation to Co. A, 49th IA Vol. Inf. Reg., 4th MD.

WELCOME NEW UNITS

The Commanding General, SVR, welcomes:
+ 22 members of the OH Naval Brigade to the 3rd MD. Naval Lt. Timothy Graham commanding. Ens. Kenneth Freshley, adjutant.
+ Ten members of the 1st MO Engineers to the 4th MD. 1Sgt Martin Aubuchon, commanding. Pvt. Chris Warren, adjutant

COLLECTING THE SONS

COLLECTING THE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

The Civil War Centennial produced souvenirs like plates, mugs, key chains and magnets. Badges and patches were issued for most, if not all, the commemorative battles. The post office issued stamps for major engagements.

Patch from Gilmore Raid Baltimore, MD - July 1964

Official Civil War Centennial emblem, offered by US Mint as dollar size coin (39 mm) and a 3" bronze and silver medal.

Patch from Perrysville, KY Oct 1963

Patch from Hanover, PA June 1963

Antietam September 17, 1962

The 3rd Military District (SVR) was known as the Buckeye Blues Brigade. Consisting of Ohio and west it included 6 infantry units, 4 artillery batteries, 3 cavalry units and field music. Shown is Jacket Patch.

Gettysburg, VA July 1963

Flat Creek, VA May 1964

Knoxville, TN Nov 1964

Nashville, TN Dec 1964

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Lincoln Tomb Ceremony
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Reflecting on the Civil War Centennial

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

PCinC U.S. Grant III (1881-1968)

Almost 50 years ago, I joined the Sons as a 16-year old teenager, caught up in the glamour of the Civil War Centennial.

In 1957, Congress appointed CinC U.S. Grant III to lead the Civil War Centennial Commission, assisted by Karl Bates. States were prodded to form commissions. Nationally, this Cold War strategy encouraged Americans to rally around the flag. Southerners had a chance to build upon the Lost Cause myth and a resistance to integration. It was clearly a white history of the Civil War.

Several commissions published histories of their state's role in the War and Civil War Round Tables and seminars educated the general public. The Nat. Civil War Centennial Commission's first convention was held in Charleston, SC, in April 1961 and led to an immediate crisis. The New Jersey Commission included black delegates who were refused service in the segregated host hotel. Gen. Grant and Karl Bates , unfortunately, supported the hotel and later resigned their positions. A full account is available in *Troubled Commemoration: The American Civil War Centennial 1961-1965* by Robert Cook.

For the first time, reenacting battles became a popular hobby. During the Centennial, most Union forces in the commemorative battles were SVR troops. However, at First Manassas/ Bull Run, there were so few troops that Nat. Guardsmen in gray or blue work uniforms and M16 rifles were scattered among Civil War re-enactors to create the scene of large units engaged in war.

In 1960, there were less than 100 SVR soldiers and WACs under the command of our Dept. Commanders. Most served as honor guards for Memorial Day and funerals. Soon the Nat. Military Dept. was created, based upon the Pennsylvania Brigade template. Nationally, numerous new members and SVR soldiers were recruited, resulting in reenactments with thousands of troops on both sides. Amazingly, there were only three serious accidents and no deaths during all those commemorations in the 1960s and 1970s.

In 1964, a dispute between the command and troops caused over 300 members to be discharged. In 1967, at the request of SVR Commanding Gen. Chester Shriver, I helped reinstate many back into the SVR.

Now, 50 years later, there is no Gen. Grant, pushing for commemoration. The lack of funding by both states and federal government indicate a smaller commemoration, lead by scholars offering conferences and seminars…and by tourism. Georgia has refurbished its historic markers and has added many more relating to slaves, women and civilians. One noted scholar hopes "the ghastly stench of death, not the romance of war, should pervade this commemoration in a way that it did not during the Centennial."

The internet provides thousands of historic resources. Genealogy's growth should offer new opportunities to our members.

And now we have the opportunity to collect the items issued for the Centennial itself. So let Civil War 150 begin!

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and
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55th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 55th annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 146th anniversary of President Lincoln's death at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois' Oak Ridge Cemetery at 10 am CDT, on Saturday, April 16th, 2011.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is $89.99 for single/quad. A10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention **"Sons of Union Veterans". Reserve your room by March 18, 2011.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released. **Shuttle service** will provide transportation between the tomb and the hotel.

Wreaths may b ordered from local Springfield florists. Wreaths must be delivered c/o The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 am on Saturday, April 16th

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12 noon. The luncheon program will feature Mr. Robert Miller, who will speak on "Lincoln and God, Religion and the 16th President". Luncheon cost: $27/person. Send registration form below to:

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Make check payable to **"National Organization, SUVCW"**. Cancellation of lunch reservations must be made by NLT April 1st.

The **Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service**, hosted by the Dept. of Illinois, will take place at his grave in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, IL, at 3 PM. The cemetery is located on IL Hwy. 123 on the east side of town. Traveling to Petersburg from Springfield, use Hwys. 29 and 123 or 97.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvcw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

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